

Portfolio £22,000 to be won

There is £22,000 to be won in The Times Portfolio competition today...

Air safety rules tightened

British registered airlines have until July 1 to carry out safety improvements...

Spanish kidnap victim freed

An elite Spanish police unit freed an industrialist held by Basque kidnappers...

Shuttle delay

The launch of the space shuttle Columbia was postponed for a record seventh time...

Milk price rise

The price of a pint of milk is expected to rise by 1p from February 1...

Blood test

Britain is to introduce voluntary blood-matching tests to check that Bangladeshis who want to join relatives in Britain...

Sri Lanka clash

Thirteen Tamil separatist guerrillas and a Sri Lankan Government soldier were killed in a gun battle...

Blandford fails

An appeal by Lord Blandford against a three-month jail sentence for breaching probation...

Aircraft jobs threatened

Short Brothers, the state-owned aircraft company, and Northern Ireland's biggest manufacturing employer...

Rights plea

Interrogators of the servicemen acquitted in the Cyprus espionage trial were wrong to put the national interest before the men's rights...

Durban blasts

Five South African whites, three policemen and two electricity workers were injured in explosions at an electricity substation south of Durban...

Ownership boom

The number of owner-occupied homes more than tripled from four million in 1951 to 13.5 million in 1984...

Lloyd's inquiry

The Trade and Industry Secretary announced an inquiry into the regulatory arrangements at Lloyd's, the London insurance market...

England doubt

Anti-apartheid protesters in Trinidad have placed in jeopardy the two Tests which England are due to play there...

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Thatcher defends herself over Heseltine

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, speaking to American reporters, defended her style of government against Mr Heseltine's charges of bias, censorship and stifling of cabinet discussion...

The Prime Minister yesterday defended her style of Government against the charges made by Mr Michael Heseltine...

She told American correspondents in a 70-minute Press conference at No 10 that she was not biased in favour of the Sikorski bid...

Mrs Thatcher said that the Cabinet had agreed the process of central coordination of collaborative projects and the Government would fight for its participation whatever the shareholders decided...

Mrs Lynda Chalker, the Transport Minister, was put in charge of Britain's relations with the Soviet Union and Africa last night...

Asked about the cancellation of planned meetings and cabinet minutes altered or censored, the Prime Minister said: "We have a style of great discussion and great debate..."

But when she was pressed further, to say whether the Cabinet had fully discussed the issues of European as opposed to the United States technological co-operation, the Prime Minister said: "I am not going any further..."

Sikorsky deal faces defeat

By Patience Wheatcroft

More shares were pledged against the proposed deal between Westland helicopters and the Sikorsky-Fiat rescuers...

Mr Alan Bristow, the helicopter millionaire, fiercely opposed to the deal, bought more shares, taking his holding to nearly 12 per cent...

This is believed to be Robert Fleming, an investment banker, which holds about 8 per cent of Westland, and is sounding out its investors before deciding which way to vote...

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The City was rife with rumours earlier with several stockbrokers apparently competing to buy shares at well above the market price...

Mr Bristow made an £89 million takeover bid for Westland last spring, but withdrew his offer when the company's financial plight became apparent...

Today, the company is capitalised at about £65 million, but a renewed bid from a Bristow consortium is unlikely for Mr Bristow would not be able to guarantee Westland the work which is a vital component in both the Sikorsky and Anglo-European solutions...

Secret report backs Heseltine

By Richard Evans Lobby Reporter

A secret report on Britain's defence industry prepared by the political committee of the Conservative Party, completely vindicates Mr Michael Heseltine's approach to the Westland saga...

A copy of the paper, entitled "Defence and the defence industries" and marked strictly private and confidential, was leaked to The Times yesterday...

Thousands face long wait for test-tube motherhood

By Thomson Prentice Science Correspondent

Tomorrow's children await their chance of life in neat rows of incubator shelves, nurtured at body temperature of 37.2C...



The Prime Minister leaving 10 Downing Street yesterday for Chequers.

Joseph plans tough line on teachers

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

The Prime Minister has told Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, to examine ways of forcing local authorities to get tough with striking teachers...

Mr Ivor Widdison, of the Council of Local Education Authorities, said that, when authorities got tough, teachers did not take such action again...

Fraud case jury trials ending soon

The Government will act quickly to bring in laws in the next session of Parliament on the main thrust of radical proposals made yesterday by a committee under Lord Roskill...

Reagan plea to isolate 'outlaw' Gaddafi

From Michael Binyon Washington

President Reagan said yesterday that US friendship with Western Europe was too strong to allow differences over Libya to make us turn on them...

In a 30-minute interview with The Times and with four other Western European correspondents, Mr Reagan said he was not surprised at European reluctance to follow the US lead over sanctions because of its dependence on Libyan oil and trade...

By-election test for Tories

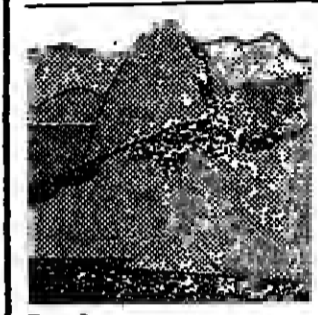
The Government faces its toughest by-election contest this Parliament after the death near Paris earlier yesterday of Mr Martin Stevens, Conservative MP for Fulham...

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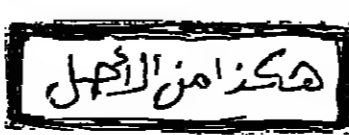
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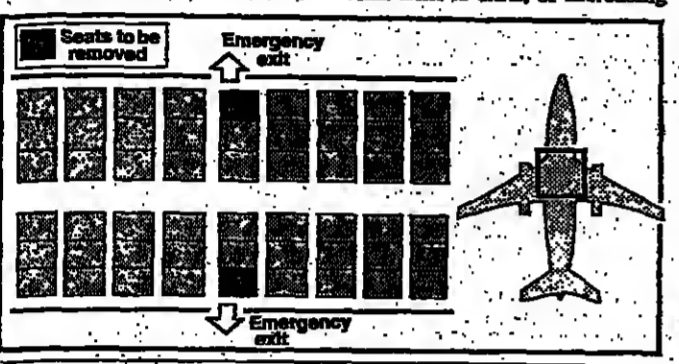
Urgent moves to improve aircraft safety after Manchester fire deaths

By Michael Bailey, Transport Editor

Britain's airliners should be materially safer than others by this summer's holiday period as a result of urgent new safety measures announced by the Civil Aviation Authority yesterday after last summer's Manchester aircraft fire disaster.

The measures are designed to gain vital seconds for passengers leaving an aircraft in the event of a fire. The authority requires more space around emergency exits, an earlier deadline for the introduction of more fire-resistant seating, and new below-seat lighting to guide passengers to emergency exits in an aircraft full of smoke.

Exit spaces must be improved by July 1 on all British-registered aircraft with emergency doors similar to those that impeded escape at Manchester - Boeing's 727, 737, and 767, and the Douglas DC9. Similar steps on US and other world aircraft will take longer, Mr Ronald Ashford, the authority's head of airworthiness said in London.



Lord Blandford fails in jail appeal

An appeal by Lord Blandford against what his counsel described as a "draconian and excessive" three-month jail sentence for breaching a probation order, imposed after a drugs offence, was rejected yesterday.

Southwark Crown Court, in south London, was told that Lord Blandford, aged 30, was arrested on December 13 in a "cocaine smoking den" in the basement of a clothes shop in Edgware Road.

Lord Blandford, heir to a £50 million fortune, was appealing against a sentence imposed by Horseferry Road magistrates. The two-year probation order was made last April when Lord Blandford, of Devonport Place, Chelsea, was fined £1,000 for breaking into a chemist shop for drugs.

The judge ordered Lord Blandford to pay the £45 costs of the appeal, saying: "I do not see why the public purse should bear the cost of this. In this case I do not think you can say the defendant cannot afford it, or that it is an excessive amount."

Countryside 'ignored by many'

At least a third of the population do not use the countryside for anything except travelling between towns, the latest Countryside Commission recreation survey indicates.

Investigators 'wrong' over Cyprus servicemen

Military investigators who detained and interrogated the young servicemen acquitted of espionage offences in last year's Cyprus secrets trial were criticised yesterday for having put the national interest above the men's rights.

75 mph limit proposed by EEC

By Sheila Beardall

Drivers in Britain may be able to drive faster under an EEC proposal to impose a 75mph speed limit throughout the 12 member states as a contribution to European road safety.

The Department of Transport said yesterday it had no plans to change the speed limits. France and Belgium already have a 75mph (120kph) speed limit while the fastest speed allowed by law in Holland is 62mph.



Mr Eric Hammond, the electricians' union leader (right), and the breakaway miners' leader Mr Roy Lynk, jovially take tea at an EETPU energy conference at Cudham, Kent, yesterday (Photograph: Peter Trevnor).

Woman is cleared of blackmail

A typist accused of luring her superior into a sex-and-blackmail trap was cleared at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of making demands with menaces and wounding the man.

Approval sought for cold cure

A nasal spray to help prevent the common cold could be available next year if approved by agencies responsible for the safety of medicines.

Vigilantes patrol city's vice area

Barristers, businessmen and housewives have joined a nightly vigilante patrol in a residential area of Birmingham in an attempt to clear the streets of prostitutes, pimps and kerb-crawlers.

Pub attackers sentenced

Two young men were given "punitive and deterrent" sentences at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for unprovoked attacks on Mr Robert Oliver, aged 53, publican of The Goat in Shirley, Surrey, and one of his customers.

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Rail and Tube fares go up tomorrow

By Our Transport Editor

British Rail fares go up by more than 8 per cent tomorrow. London bus and Underground fares are also rising by an average 6.5 per cent, although some will increase by 25 per cent.

The rail increases are the biggest for five years. They will add up to £100 to the annual fares bill of long-distance commuters into London from places such as Brighton and Milton Keynes.

But fare rises on British Rail's InterCity trains, at an average 10 per cent, compared with 7.5 per cent for London commuters, are an even bigger blow, with a second-class single from London to York rising from £2.30 to £2.50, to Glasgow from £3 to £3.50, and to Bristol from £1.20 to £1.50.

The Central Transport Consultative Committee said the rises would cause considerable concern. British Rail hopes to raise an extra £77 million a year from the higher fares in an effort to meet tighter government financial targets.

Social Trends: Housing and education

Ownership boom as home stock grows

Home ownership rose from 29 per cent of the housing stock in 1951 to 61 per cent by 1984 and continues to grow as the other sectors decline, according to government statistics in Social Trends.

Youth training for one in four school-leavers

One in four 16-year-olds joined the Youth Training Scheme on leaving school in 1983-84, and less than a fifth of 16-year-olds had jobs compared with half in 1975-76 (Lacey Hodges writes).

Table with 2 columns: Year (1961-1971, 1970-1978) and Housing (UK) categories (New construction, Local authorities, etc.)

Will no one dance with S Africa?

Lebanon began secret negotiations with Israel in the coffee bar. Iraq met Iran to avenge an earlier condemnation of US sanctions against Libya. And South Africa expressed a fear that no one would dance with her in the United Nations since last night.

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THE HIGH ROAD TO LHASA

Advertisement for Voyages Jules Verne featuring a map of the Himalayas and text describing a journey to Lhasa. Includes details about routes, duration, and contact information for Voyages Jules Verne.

Chinese launch campaign against corruption among senior officials

From Mary Lee Peking

The Chinese Communist Party launched a campaign against corruption at a special party conference held on Monday and Thursday. It was attended by 8,000 Communist Party, Army and Government officials. Diplomats said the conference, which was not announced, was one of the largest held in recent years.

The anti-corruption campaign will go under the name of "Rectification of Party Style" and will be headed by three of the rising stars who were promoted to senior party positions at the party conference in September. A Politburo member, Mr Qiao Guohua, will be its head and Mr Wang Zhaoguo, a member of the party Secretariat, and Mr Qiang Xiaochu, Secretary of the Central Discipline Inspection Commission, will be his deputies.

At the meeting, Mr Hu Yaobang, the Communist Party's General Secretary, attacked lawbreakers within the party and called for national reporting of all serious wrongdoings by senior officials, including those in the central committee. It was his first speech of the year.

The official Xinhua news agency, in its report of Mr Hu's speech yesterday quoted him as saying "Laws must be followed and enforced strictly, and all law breakers must be pun-

Schools hit by wish to go into business

Peking - Economic reform, which is encouraging thousands of enterprising Chinese to go into business on their own, is causing problems for schools in Shanghai, according to People's Daily (Mary Lee writes).

Analysts said the conference was one of the largest to be held in recent years and marked the beginning of an anti-corruption campaign.

According to Mr Hu, some organs under the party Central Committee, the State Council and the general headquarters of the People's Liberation Army and some functionaries "cannot meet the demands of the modernization tasks."

Mr Hu listed problems which he said "have a great corrosive influence" on the image of the party and government. These were: A lack of discipline, political liberalism, ideological individualism and showing "favouritism through connections" putting personal feelings above principles, discarding of principles and unfair and dishonest behaviour. "In addition, some people abandon personal and national dignity in foreign contacts."

Mr Hu's criticisms of central

departments within the party, Government and Army and their officials come on top of a renewed media campaign to publicize corruption. Quoting the party constitution and regulations, he called on "all loyal and honest comrades inside and outside the party" to exercise their right "to report truthfully to the party Central Committee about serious wrongdoings by leading members of all organizations at all levels, including the Central Committee."

Mr Hu promised that "great changes will take place in the conduct of the members of Central organs" following which "the more than 20 million government employees all over the country and the entire Chinese people will follow their example."

At the same meeting, Mr Wang Zhaoguo said several regulations were being formulated to help combat the problems which Mr Hu had listed.

The regulations will cover party and government officials running enterprises, reception of senior officials on inspection tours around the country, prohibition of sending people abroad at random and the strict selection of senior officials.

Mr Wang said: "No matter what organizations or individuals, at high or low levels, might be involved in deviations, they will be dealt with resolutely."



Holding a doll, Donna Ashlock, aged 14, stands with her family and a friend at San Francisco's Pacific Presbyterian Hospital. She is recovering from a transplant operation on Sunday in which she was given the heart of her former boyfriend, Felipe Garza, aged 15. She had had an enlarged heart and was dying when Felipe died suddenly of a brain haemorrhage last week.

He had told his parents the month before: "If I should die I want Donna to have my heart". His parents remembered the request and contacted Donna's parents. With Donna after the operation are her great-grandmother, Mrs Husie Carson (lower left), her mother Mary (left), father Raymond, brother Chuck and best friend Jannie Chavez (right).

Sweden seeks to steer middle course in budget

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

Sweden's Socialist Government yesterday presented a Budget to the Riksdag (Parliament) confirming commitment to its so-called "third way" between restraint and expansion.

The Finance Minister, Mr Kjell-Olof Feldt, said: "The over-riding goal remains to use our productive resources in the form of the workforce and capital without having to borrow from abroad. The strategy the Government has chosen has become known as the third way in economic policy. This means that we both work and save ourselves out of crisis."

In an aside clearly aimed at Britain's Thatcherite policies, he said: "The advocates of restraint tend to emphasize the fight against inflation and financial imbalance, but neglect to deal with the problem of unemployment and low growth. Experience over many years from other countries that have tried this course shows that the result is rising unemployment, economic stagnation, growing rifts and increased social antagonism."

Mr Feldt then took a swipe at expansionists: "Advocates of expansion tend instead to emphasize the importance of increased growth and employment, and underestimate the dangers of high inflation and financial imbalance."

There were hints, however, that even in Sweden's garden all

might not be lovely. Mr Feldt delivered a stern warning to the unions: "A successful economic development requires a further moderation of wage increases to avoid a deterioration of Swedish competitiveness."

With centralized wage negotiations looming, the Finance Minister warned: "In the view of the Government, it would be desirable to have wage settlements covering several years."

However, two main union organizations said yesterday they were against such settlements. The Confederation of Trade Unions, representing two million blue-collar industrial workers, and the Federation of Salaried Employees in Industry and Services said they would be pressing for a one-year settlement.

He said that tax scales for 1987 and 1988 would shortly be drawn up, with the aim of promoting low wage settlements. Last year's inflation vote would be 5.5 per cent; it was hoped to cut this to 4 per cent in 1986.

In both 1984 and 1985 employment rose by some 40,000 a year, he said, with total unemployment reduced to 2.9 per cent last year. It should stay at the same level for 1986, he said, "however, a slight weakening of the labour market cannot be excluded".

The budget deficit would be reduced by 3.3 billion Swedish kroner (£3 million) to 48.4 billion kroner this year.

UK officials in Canberra

Australia holds back on nuclear clean-up

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

The first formal meeting between Britain and Australia on the huge nuclear clean-up recommended by the McLeod Royal Commission ended in Canberra yesterday.

Two days of talks at official level on the most sensitive issue between the countries ended without a joint statement, but have produced in private an exchange of views on the commission's recommendation that Britain should fund a multi-million pound operation to make three former nuclear test sites habitable.

Neither Government has stated an official view on the commission's report. The positions to be adopted at a meeting of ministers later this month will be based on this week's talks.

Australian officials were uncharacteristically uncommunicative yesterday, emphasizing the delicacy of the issue, while a British official said only that the meeting had been

treated as an opportunity to clarify a number of matters, without commitment from either side.

Britain has given no sign that it is willing to pay for a new clean-up, having been absolved by two previous Australian governments of any further responsibility for sites used in British nuclear tests between 1952 and 1963.

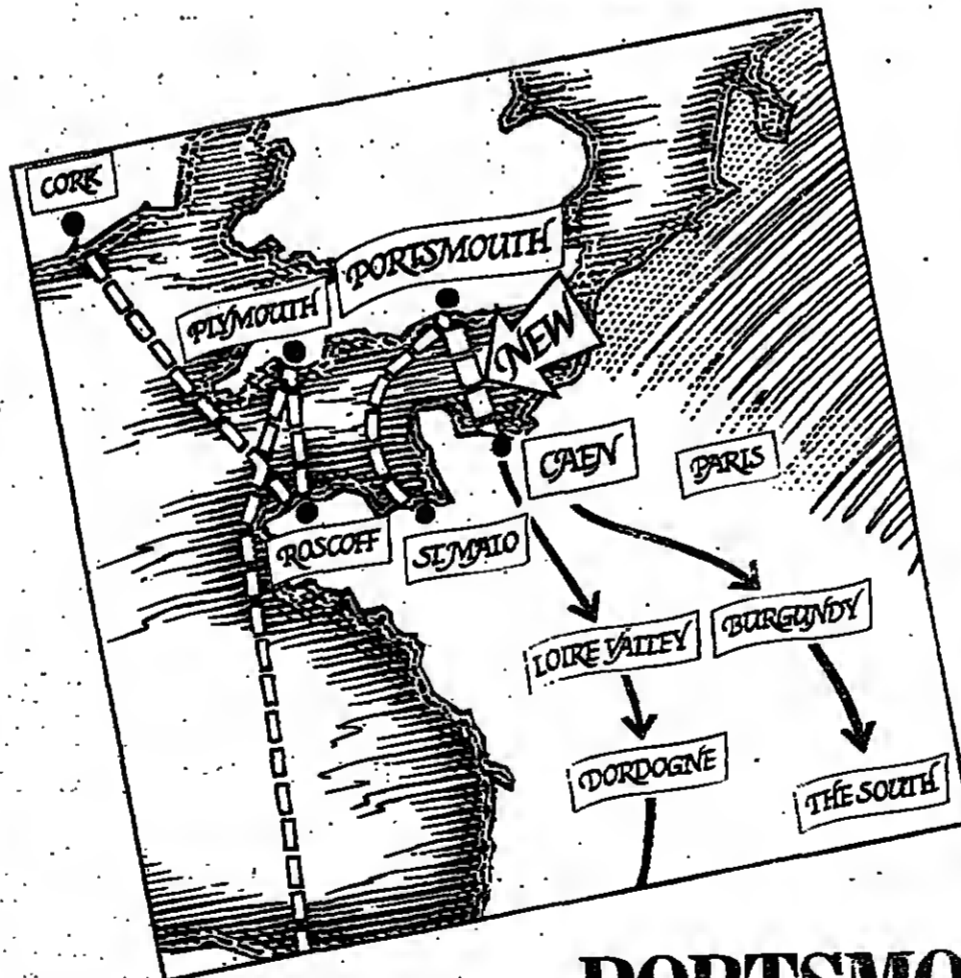
The Royal Commission, conducted by Mr Justice James McClelland, made six other recommendations from its year-long study.

The Government had only a few days to consider the findings before the Christmas break, but they will be taken up by the Cabinet soon.

The next stage will be in London, where Senator Gareth Evans, Minister for Energy and Resources, who is handling the matter for Canberra, will meet Mr Norman Lamont, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, later this month.

SENSATIONAL NEWS FOR HOLIDAYMAKERS TO FRANCE

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Kremlin gift to peace letter girl

Tokyo (Reuters) - The Soviet leader, Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, had a box of gifts delivered to his new Japanese schoolgirl pen pal yesterday and told her that her pleas to the Kremlin for world peace had reached sympathetic ears.

"A happy New Year. I wish you and your family well," Mr Gorbachev wrote to Aiko Fukuda, aged 12, of Nagoya, in central Japan. He added that the Soviet people were still pushing for world peace, "just as you requested me".

Aiko sent the Soviet leader a letter just before Christmas. "I heard from my father that you met with Mr Reagan and I think it is wonderful," she said. "I hope you will stick to your efforts to make the world peaceful."

Mr Gorbachev's letter recalled the relationship between his predecessor, Yuri Andropov, and the young American schoolgirl Samantha Smith, who wrote a similar letter to Andropov in 1983.

Samantha was swept off to Moscow, where she was regarded as a prophet of world peace. She killed in a plane crash in August.

Mr Gorbachev's gifts to Aiko included a children's version of the life of Lenin, photo albums of Moscow and of the first Soviet cosmonaut, Yuri Gagarin, a traditional Russian samovar and a set of records.

Palestinian on Cyprus gun charge

From Our Correspondent Nicosia

Mr Sami Anis Nasr, aged 26, a Palestinian from Dubai, has been charged in Cyprus on four counts of possessing illegal weapons in connection with an alleged attempt to carry guns and grenades on to a Swissair flight last month.

A Larnaca district court judge, Mr Takis Elades, refused bail after a police prosecutor said Mr Nasr was likely to try to escape. He faces a maximum penalty of life imprisonment if convicted. His trial begins on Monday.

The court was told that police were seeking four other foreigners in connection with the case. Mr Nasr had been arrested at Larnaca airport on December 17, shortly before he was to board a Swissair flight to Jordan.

Police said his hand-luggage contained two wicker-covered wine flasks that concealed two pistols, six grenades and 71 bullets. Two similarly equipped flasks had been found later at the home of one of his relatives.

A second man, also a Palestinian, Mr Yezid Gasparyan, was arrested last month but was freed after police decided he had no connection with the case. Mr Saviagh, aged 30, who carries an American passport, had been a school friend of Mr Nasr, police reports said.

Mailer dons new image for writers' meeting

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

Norman Mailer has converted himself into a pillar of respectability in a three-piece dark suit to mastermind an international gathering of 700 writers starting in New York tomorrow.

Mr Mailer is president of the American section of PEN, The Association of Novelists, Playwrights, Poets and Essayists founded in London in 1921 to promote the "unhindered transmission of thought within each nation and between all nations". PEN has 10,000 members in 62 countries.

Mr Mailer headed the drive to raise \$800,000 (£542,000) for the week-long conference, and ran a series of high-priced literary evenings.

He also went to the State Department to ensure that no foreign writers would be banned under the American Immigration Law, which bars people whose views make them undesirable. Writers who could be in this category, including Kobo Abe, of Japan, Jorge Amado of Brazil and Claude Simon, of France, the 1985 Nobel Laureate, are guests of honour at the congress.

THE ARTS

Theatre



A fine impression of lusciousness by Nanshaba Khan

Rich in eccentrics

The Little Clay Cart

Translations from the Sanskrit are far from common on the London stage.

Attributed to King Shudraka, a shadowy figure of the 8th century AD.

In colourful, witty language the play tells of a handsome but impoverished merchant and a famous courtesan.

Production and performances are not yet all they should be.

of the effects aimed for. The framing commentary is the weakest area.

The company here consist of eight players and two musicians (sitar and tabla).

There is a fine impression of lusciousness by Nanshaba Khan and the decent young hero is pleasantly played by Ayub Khan.

Jeremy Kingston

Television: Mark Lawson assesses the form of Grange Hill; Simon Banner interviews Moira Armstrong, director of tomorrow's new BBC1 series Bluebell; Carlo Gebler reviews last night's programmes

Perhaps the first children's programme to include among the credits a "fight arranger", Grange Hill (a twice-weekly serial set in a London comprehensive school) returned this week for its 128th episode since its inception in 1978.

Outwardly, the format is as before: the school thug is pushing wire-wool down young boys' blazers; Mr Baxter is short of volunteers for the Grange Hill swimming team.

Grange Hill has always had didacticism in its satchel - previous plot-strands have dealt with lessons on racism, menstruation, dyslexia, acne, and sweet-talking strangers at the gates - but the subject now under discussion is heroin addiction.

Grange Hill is ultimately escapist. It takes an experience through which all of its viewers are going or have gone and adds to a hefty base of realism a frothy top of dreams.

Constant Hot Water (Central) will do doubt have been watched on the strength of Pat Phoenix (late of Coronation Street), who is cast here in the role of Phyllis Nugent, landlady extraordinaire on the Yorkshire riverside.

This was only the first episode, but it would seem that a potentially good idea with good performers is going to go the way of the mediocre rather than aspiring to anything higher.

Lovejoy (BBC1), also a new series, takes the old formula of the streetwise character, once in trouble with the law but more or less straight, and elevates him to the middle classes so that he becomes Lovejoy, antique dealer. The idea of a Dennis Waterman prototype in the auction room works well.

well-meaning, can be used as a trigger - even if you're saying 'don't do it'.

Grange Hill is a class drama - a mix of bright writing and young actors portraying characters close enough to their own to attain an easy naturalness - but it is, essentially, a set of gentle lessons. If this educative attempt is successful then it is instructive that children should take more readily to being taught by a television serial set in a school than by school itself.

The fascination of Grange Hill's appeal is that millions of children, many of them soured by their hours in the classroom, should, from their entertainment, crave not escapism but familiarity.

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Addition: How Much is too Much? (Channel 4) saw David Kossoff examining the roots of the syndrome with five actors who dramatized case-histories and a medical expert.

So British music-lovers will watch his future career with special interest. Those who attended this rather clinically delivered recital may now be speculating whether Feghali's dazzling success in the competitive arena will prove as beneficial to his musical development as it undoubtedly will to his financial wellbeing.

Richard Morrison

Stepping out

"Glamour, guns, love, and danger", as the BBC press hand-out sensationally puts it, are the key ingredients of the serial which begins its eight-week run tomorrow.

Such assistance was clearly invaluable for Bluebell features many recreations of the famous Foyles Bergre reviews of the 1930s and 1940s, and uses more than 60 dancers to do it.

The star of the series, Carolyn Pickles, got her part not so much on the strength of her bottom, as on her acting ability (she was recently seen in Lindsay Anderson's well-liked production of The Playboy of the Western World).

It was a tough part. I was forever being amazed by her ability not only to learn all her lines, but to memorise all her steps as well," says Maïra Armstrong.



Moira Armstrong

really only done the usual ballet training when she was quite young, but she's very athletic, so she just learnt how to dance."

With the exception of a grandmother who was reputed to recite chunks of Robbie Burns at any and every opportunity, Maïra Armstrong came from a family with no theatrical connections.

Since then, she has worked consistently as a director on numerous plays and drama series, not only for the BBC, but also for Granada, YTV, and Thames.

"That was the first time I became conscious of being a so-called woman director. I think it's only in the last few years that it has become an issue, and it doesn't feel as if it's been a significant aspect of my career.

The next good script, written by Peter Ramsley, is Inside Story: an everyday tale of the wheeling and dealing of the newspaper world, which Maïra Armstrong will direct for Anglia Television.

S.B.

Radio

Cast adrift on waves of hot air

Well, after all the brouhaha, it was more like Plomleyson than Parkinson, wasn't it? Maybe there is some rapier work to come - the wretched victim raining drops of sweat on to his choice of discs as he dodges his tormentor's blade.

presentation more acerbic. Both were welcome. But his excursions into the archives last autumn added nothing to his material, much of which badly needed all the support it could get.

alive and fictitious, have been heard trying strenuously to divert the general drift of their fate. The most beaming was Evelyn Glennie, very much alive, who in The Glennie Determination (Radio 4, Tuesday, producer Ann Tennant) told Antony Hopkins how she had overcome total deafness from childhood to graduate from the Royal Academy of Music as a percussionist of huge talent and indeed one of its very best students.

ill-natured inclination of concertgoers to hope that you will make a mistake, the trouble with playing in public, we learnt, is its unavoidable "non-take-two-ness" although Gould of all recording artists truly needed retakes less than most - except of course in his own estimation.

C. G.

It has otherwise been a week in which various people, dead,

over his playing. Apart from the

Oo Radio 4 next Wednesday Fritz SPIEGEL presents the second of his attractive series. Wives of the Great Composers (producer Piers Burton-Page). "Next week" is announced, "he gets down to business with Mrs Mozart."

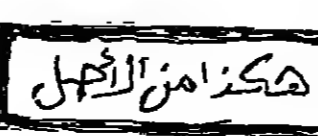
David Wade

NINETEEN NINETEEN film of artistry and originality. A film of artistry and originality... superbly played. PAUL SCOTFIELD, MARIA SHELLE, FRANK FINLAY, DIANA QUICK, CLARE HIGGINS, COLIN FIRTH.

CHRISTIE'S LONDON Prices are racing ahead. One of EDWARD LEAR'S illustrations for Thomas Bell's Monograph of the Tortoise, 1856-62. The prices achieved at Christie's for illustrated books have been rising dramatically during the last few years.

Concerts PLG Young Artists José Feghali Queen Elizabeth Hall. The young Brazilian pianist who last year won one of the world's richest music competitions - the Van Cliburn in Texas - is no stranger to London. José Feghali studied at the Royal Academy of Music and carried off several British prizes before taking Fort Worth by storm.

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THE ARTS

Theatre



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Rich in eccentrics

The Little Clay Cart

Translations from the Sanskrit are far from common on the London stage.

Attributed to King Shudraka, a shadowy figure of the 5th century AD, there is not an immortal in the cast.

In colourful, witty language the play tells of a handsome but impoverished merchant and a famous courtesan.

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of the effects aimed for. The framing commentary is the weakest area, where wife and villain step a little way out of their parts in the story to point to the issues involved.

The company here consist of eight players and two musicians (sitar and tabla). Music accompanies many of the incidents, attractively building suspense and occasionally doing duty for props.

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Television: Mark Lawson assesses the form of Grange Hill; Simon Banner interviews Moira Armstrong, director of tomorrow's new BBC1 series Bluebell; Carlo Gebler reviews last night's programmes

Perhaps the first children's programme to include among the credits a "fight arranger", Grange Hill (a twice-weekly serial set in a London comprehensive school) returned this week for its 128th episode since its inception in 1976.

Outwardly, the format is as before: the school thing is pushing wire-wool down young boys' blazers; Mr Baxter is short of volunteers for the Grange Hill swimming team.

Grange Hill has always had didacticism in its satchel - previous plot-strands have dealt out lessons on racism, menstruation, dyslexia, acne and sweet-talking strangers at the gates - but the subject now under discussion is heroin addiction.

Already young Danny Kendall is wandering the school, pale and dazed, nodding like a mascot-dog hung in a car. One of the series' heroes, Samuel "Zammo" Maguire, a happy chap, looks edgier and talks of being short of cash.

It is this willingness to tackle reality which is the central debit or credit, according to taste, of a series which has been both praised for its subtlety and blamed for imitative acts of vandalism in schools.

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Stepping out

"Glamour, guts, love, and danger", as the BBC press hand-out sensationally puts it, are the key ingredients of the serial which begins its eight-week run tomorrow.

Like all the best fairy tales, Bluebell tells a true story, and was made, as the series' director Moira Armstrong explains, with the full co-operation of Miss Bluebell herself, who, at 74, is still busily directing her troupe.

Such assistance was clearly invaluable, for Bluebell features many recreations of the famous Follies Bergere revues of the 1930s and 1940s, and uses more than 60 dancers to do it.

The star of the series, Carolyn Pickles, got her part not so much on the strength of her bottom, as on her acting ability.

"It was a tough part. I was forever being amazed by her ability not only to learn all her lines, but to memorise all her steps as well," says Moira Armstrong.



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Radio

Cast adrift on waves of hot air

Well, after all the brouhaha, it was more like Plomleyson than Parkinson, wasn't it? Maybe there is some rapier work to come - the wretched victim raining drops of sweat on to his choice of discs as he dodges his tormentor's blade.

Alan Parker, said would have been unthinkable under Plomley. We were assured in The Times last Saturday that when Times Oldfield's marooning comes along there will be sweat and blood.

Certainly when he did Pick of the Week a while back his choice was different from Margaret Howard's and his presentation more acerbic. Both were welcome. But his excursions into the archives last autumn added nothing to his material, much of which badly needed all the support it could get.

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CHRISTIE'S LONDON advertisement featuring an illustration of a tortoise and text about rising book prices.

Concerts advertisement for José Feghali at Queen Elizabeth Hall, including a detailed review of his performance.

SENSATIONAL DESIGNER advertisement for FURS AT FACTORY PRICES, featuring a list of fur items and prices, and a photo of a woman in a fur coat.

Distillers' shareholders have recently been bombarded with opinions from James Gulliver, chairman of the Argyll Group of Companies.

He claims that Distillers suffers from "an inbred management culture."

Its problems, he argues, "can only be cured by a change of control and the introduction of new, vigorous management."

The fact is, his opinions are two years out of date. In 1983, John Connell was appointed chairman of Distillers.

He brought with him an entirely new management philosophy. And set about revitalising the company.

A RADICAL CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT.

The management committee that had run Distillers for decades has been abolished.

The main business areas are now the responsibility of individuals.

The management of famous brands like Johnnie Walker, Dewar's and Gordon's is also in the hands of individuals.

Division was established to promote better the marketing of our Scotch whiskies. It will soon be integrated with our white spirits division.

Decline has now become growth.

In the first six months of this financial year, sales of Johnnie Walker Red Label rose by 37%.*

Cardhu Single Malt was up by 51%.* And Gordon's Gin continued to dominate with around 50% of the gin market.

Argyll also argue that Distillers have neglected the vital area of new product development.

In fact a New Products department was established in 1984.

Currently, there are more than fifty new concepts under examination.

BRAND-BUILDING ABROAD.

This time, Mr. Gulliver travels back as far as the 1970's in his attempt to belittle

management team has been to protect value worldwide, thereby guaranteeing the highest return to shareholders.

Thus Distillers' de-luxe brands account for just 20% of Scotch whisky volume, but 43% of profits.

Distillers' exports of Scotch whisky to the U.S., the largest drinks market in the world, are worth more than those of all its competitors.

A FRESH LOOK AT PRODUCTION.

Thus far, Argyll have had little to say about improving Distillers' production performance.

This could be because they recently sold their Loch Lomond distillery, following "a policy decision to reduce investment in Scotch whisky production."

Distillers, meanwhile, have been making great strides in the area of cost efficiency.

The new management team has continued to tackle the problem of excess stocks of maturing Scotch whisky.

Sorry, Argyll. You are two years too late.

Accordingly, decision-making is more efficient and the response to world market changes is faster.

Needless to say, Distillers' new style of management has necessitated the recruitment of new and highly-motivated personnel.

Argyll make much of the marketing staff they have recruited from among Britain's top companies.

We too have employed able people from successful companies like Unilever and Beechams.

But, more importantly, we have also recruited young and talented marketing executives from within the drinks industry itself.

In our 1985 Report and Accounts we said we were considering a share option scheme. It is designed to motivate our key people and ensure their commitment to Distillers.

We intend, after the offer, to put this to our shareholders for their approval.

A NEW APPROACH AT HOME.

Argyll believe that the performance of Distillers in the home market has been less than impressive.

In the circular announcing their offer they quote sales figures from as far back as the early 1960's to bolster their argument.

The facts are these:

In April 1984, a Distillers Home Trade

Distillers' performance overseas.

We believe that he has undervalued what has happened in the last two years, including the purchase of an American distributor and bourbon producer for 250 million dollars.

And the increase in advertising and marketing budgets of over 17% in the same period.

In the all-important U.S. Market, Tanqueray is now the number one best-selling imported gin and Dewar's is the number one Scotch whisky.

In the 12 months to September 1985, worldwide sales of Johnnie Walker Black Label increased by 26%. And in the vital duty-free spirits market, Distillers' whiskies, gins, vodkas, cognacs and Pimm's together now hold 23%.

A VALUE STRATEGY WORLDWIDE.

It is interesting to note that Argyll's criticisms largely refer to volume share.

This is no surprise since their own background is in discount retailing.

But they really should be aware that the international drinks business is as much to do with value as volume.

One of the main tasks of the new

Gin and whisky bottling plants have been rationalised and modernised.

And between March 1984 and September 1985, Scotch whisky blending and bottling costs were reduced by 19%.

FUTURE GROWTH.

To listen to Argyll, you would think that success in the international drinks business can be achieved overnight.

In reality it is much to do with astute marketing and image building over a period of many years.

The recent upturn in Distillers' fortunes reported here is more than encouraging. Yet the changes implemented since 1983 were intended for long-term growth.

The major benefits have still to be reaped.

We will continue with the strategy of protecting and maintaining our famous brands.

Product innovation will continue through line extension and the introduction of new brands.

Our experience in the drinks business will be coupled with a positive attitude towards acquisition.

We believe Argyll have little to bring to our business.

In our opinion, their highly-g geared offer could easily throw Distillers into reverse.

We urge you to reject the offer.

The Distillers Company plc.

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*Source: DCL Home Trade Case Sales statistics comparing the same period in the previous year. Argyll's Offer Documents, DCL Defence Document, Argyll's Report and Accounts 1984/85, Distillers' sales statistics.

The blessings of dearer cash

INTEREST RATES

The 1 per cent rise for banks' base rates, introduced this week, looks like being good news — more or less all round.

Interest rate increases, generally welcomed by investors, who receive a better return on their money, produce much hand-wringing among house-buyers who find themselves with higher mortgage repayments.

However, this time the hike in rates has produced a rise in savings rates, but as yet there is no sign of an increase in home loan rates.

Figures for net receipts at building society branches, due out next week, will show an all-time December record. And with demand for home loan finance traditionally low during December and January, there is plenty of money available and no incentive to increase rates.

The societies are content to let things ride for the time being.

It does mean, however, that any hopes of a cut to home loan rates, historically high in real terms, have been put on ice.

Peter Birch, chief general manager of the Abbey National Building Society, Britain's second largest, described the base rate increase as a "temporary upset".

He said: "Clearly this puts back any hopes of a mortgage rate cut but at the same time we have no plans at this stage to increase rates."

This view was echoed by other building society chiefs. Scott Durrant, the newly formed Alliance & Leicester's chief general manager, said the society did not intend taking any immediate action and was

unlikely to consider it necessary to increase its mortgage rates within the next month.

Tim Melville Ross, Nationwide's chief general manager, said there was no reason for his society to react to the increase in the short term — by which he meant "anything up to a couple of months".

Mark Boleat, deputy secretary general of the Building Societies' Association, said the increase will reduce societies' competitiveness, "but it is not going to lead to any immediate change in the general level of building society rates".

He said: "Societies will, of course, be monitoring the position carefully and will adjust their rates if market circumstances require this."

Hang on until the middle of the week

However, with December's total net receipts expected to top £1.5 billion, it would require a substantial further rise in base rates for the societies to make a move. This is not expected in the foreseeable future.

On the investment side, the banks' higher rate accounts were the first to reflect the increase in rates. Lloyds Bank's High Interest account showed a rise from last week's 8.25 per cent, net of basic rate tax, to 9 per cent. Other higher rate accounts are expected to follow suit.

Yet, with returns of 9.25 per cent or more easily available from building societies, the banks still do not look that attractive.

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ments, such as guaranteed income bonds. New Direction Finance, for example, has been offering guaranteed income bonds at 9.25 per cent.

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CHECKLIST FOR SAVERS

	Non-taxpayer	30%	40%	45%	50%	60%
SHORT TERM						
Bank 7-day deposit	6.50	6.50	5.58	5.1	4.64	3.71
Bank high interest account	9.12	9.12	7.61	7.16	6.5	5.2
Building society ordinary account	7.00	7.00	6.00	5.50	5.00	4.00
Building society extra interest accounts	9.25	9.25	7.92	7.26	6.60	5.94
National Savings Investment account	11.5	8.05	6.9	6.3	5.75	4.6
Money Funds (average)	8.1	8.1	7.8	7.15	6.5	5.2
LONGER TERM						
Nat Savings Cert (31st issue)	7.85	7.85	7.85	7.85	7.85	7.85
Nat Savings Income & Deposit Bonds	12.00	8.40	7.20	6.60	6.00	4.80
Short-Dated Gilt	12.0	8.4	7.2	6.6	6.0	4.8
Local authority yearling bonds	12.35	8.8	7.42	6.8	6.16	4.95
Local authority town hall bonds			11.42	8.0		
68	6.28		5.71		4.5	

Individual building societies may have different rates.

Loans with a load

BUSINESS EXPANSION

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So it seems odd that anyone should contemplate raising a loan to finance an investment in a BES. Tax relief at your top rate is certainly a lure but it still does not transform a high-risk venture into something that anyone squeezed for cash should rush into.

But Pointon York, the financial management group based in Leicester, has come up with a package to finance BES investments with loans from Norwich General Trust, a Norwich Union subsidiary. It will lend between £5,000 and £10,000 for investment in BES schemes to individuals aged between 30 and 55 whose gross earnings top £25,000.

'Unwise to invest if you cannot afford to lose'

First, investors will have to join Pointon York's Business Expansion Club — an annual membership £50 plus VAT. But members will then be sent *The BES Magazine* monthly (normal cost £49 a year), plus Pointon York's own *BES Watch* listings of new funds. And members will be encouraged to telephone Pointon York specialists to talk about their BES investments.

Pointon York, which sponsored three issues last year and has four lined up for this year, is looking for insurance and pensions business from the scheme.

The lenders, quite understandably, are not content just to take a charge over the BES shares purchased with the loan. They require further security. Geoffrey Pointon, chairman of Pointon York, says: "You can't ensure that BES shares will be marketable at the time when the loan becomes repayable."

So borrowers are also required to take out an insurance policy to cover the loan. Borrowers will have to sign up for a low-cost endowment policy with Norwich Union. But Norwich Union is not even content with a policy that is estimated to meet the cost of the repayment. It wants a policy where the maturity value, excluding terminal bonuses, exceeds the loan by a wide margin.

If the borrower wants to set

up a personal pension policy or perhaps already has a suitable one in force, where the lump sum at retirement is enough to repay the loan, that can be used. But the lenders will want a life insurance policy to pay off the debt as well.

The loans are at 3 per cent over Norwich General Trust's base rate which tends to move in line with the banks' base rates.

At the beginning of the week it was 11.5 per cent, giving an interest rate of 14.5 per cent (15.5 APR).

This is expensive money. Any person of standing should be able to get an overdraft at 3 per cent over base and not be saddled with unnecessary insurance policies.

A 38-year-old man borrowing £10,000 for the maximum 22 years until his 60th birthday would pay interest of £120.83 a month plus £19.60 a month for the endowment policy. He could repay the loan in full or in part early with no penalties, but the endowment policy would still roll on.

Pointon York believes that "it would be unwise to invest in a BES unless, if the worst came to the worst, you could afford to lose your investments".

However, there are still wealthy people around who find themselves without liquid funds who should borrow in order to jump on to the tax-saving BES bandwagon, says Pointon York.

Vivien Goldsmith



Investors' protectors

Investors in BES companies must be particularly discerning in the next few weeks as the issues increase with the end of the tax year in sight.

One aspect you should consider is the sponsor. Some recent issues have appeared without sponsors and, therefore, without the safeguards a reputable sponsor provides.

A sponsor examines all the background to a proposed venture, investigating the promoters thoroughly, taking out references on them and ensuring that the people running the business can be trusted, are honest and have the relevant business acumen.

The sponsor will have to be satisfied that the venture is likely to succeed commercially and will gather background information, much of which is not legally verifiable and will not appear in the prospectus.

There will also be an agreement, between the sponsors on the one hand and the company and promoters on the other, whereby the company and

promoters give warranties to the sponsors as to the actual running of the company.

The point is that if anything goes wrong with the business of a BES company, or the way the directors are running it, there ought to be someone whom investors can ask to sort out the mess. The sponsor, if reputable, should fulfil that role.

It is worth noting the particular restraints that a typical sponsorship agreement imposes on a BES company's activities. The sponsor will generally have the right to veto any major disposals of assets, changes in the directors and change in the structure of the company which prejudices its BES status, and any dividend distributions or issues of shares.

Peter Leach, of accountants Stoy Hayward, says: "A respectable sponsor with a track record and relevant experience will impose additional disciplines on the directors. As such, a sponsor is very important for the protection of investors."

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But Pointon York, the financial management group based in Leicester, has come up with a package to finance BES investments with loans from Norwich General Trust, a Norwich Union subsidiary. It will lend between £5,000 and £10,000 for investment in BES schemes to individuals aged between 30 and 55 whose gross earnings top £25,000.

Unwise to invest if you cannot afford to lose?

First, investors will have to join Pointon York's Business Expansion Club - annual membership £50 plus VAT. But members will then be sent The BES Magazine monthly (normal cost £49 a year), plus Pointon York's own BES Watch listings of new funds. And members will be encouraged to telephone Pointon York specialists to talk about their BES investments.

Pointon York, which sponsored three issues last year and has four lined up for this year, is looking for insurance and pensions business from the scheme.

The lenders, quite understandably, are not content just to take a charge over the BES shares purchased with the loan. They require further security. Geoffrey Pointon, chairman of Pointon York, says: "You can't ensure that BES shares will be marketable at the time when the loan becomes repayable."

So borrowers are also required to take out an insurance policy to cover the loan. Borrowers will have to sign up for a low-cost endowment policy with Norwich Union. But Norwich Union is not even content with a policy that is estimated to meet the cost of the repayment: it wants a policy where the maturity value, excluding terminal bonuses, exceeds the loan by a wide margin.

up a personal pension policy or perhaps already has a suitable one in force, where the lump sum at retirement is enough to repay the loan, that can be used. But the lenders will want a life insurance policy to pay off the debt as well.

The loans are at 3 per cent over Norwich General Trust's base rate which tends to move in line with the banks' base rates.

At the beginning of the week it was 11.5 per cent, giving an interest rate of 14.5 per cent (15.5 APR).

This is expensive money. Any person of standing should be able to get an overdraft at 3 per cent over base and not be saddled with unnecessary insurance policies.

A 38-year-old man borrowing £10,000 for the maximum 22 years until his 60th birthday with loans at 15.5 per cent APR would pay interest of £120.83 a month plus £19.60 a month for the endowment policy. He could repay the loan in full or in part early with no penalties, but the endowment policy would still roll on.

Pointon York believes that "it would be unwise to invest in a BES unless, if the worst came to the worst, you could afford to lose your investments".

However, there are still wealthy people around who find themselves without liquid funds who should borrow in order to jump on to the tax-saving BES bandwagon, says Pointon York. Vivien Goldsmith



Investors' protectors

Investors in BES companies must be particularly discerning in the next few weeks as the new issues increase with the end of the tax year in sight.

One aspect you should consider is the sponsor. Some recent issues have appeared without sponsors and, therefore, without the safeguards a reputable sponsor provides.

A sponsor examines all the background to a proposed venture, investigating the promoters thoroughly, taking out references on them and ensuring that the people running the business can be trusted, are honest and have the relevant business acumen.

The sponsor will have to be satisfied that the venture is likely to succeed commercially and will gather background information, much of which is not legally verifiable and will not appear in the prospectus.

There will also be an agreement, between the sponsors on the one hand and the company and promoters on the other, whereby the company and

promoters give warranties to the sponsors as to the actual running of the company.

The point is that if anything goes wrong with the business of a BES company, or the way the directors are running it, there ought to be someone whom investors can ask to sort out the mess. The sponsor, if reputable, should fulfil that role.

It is worth noting the particular restraints that a typical sponsorship agreement imposes on a BES company's activities. The sponsor will generally have the right to veto any major disposals of assets, changes in the directors and change in the structure of the company which prejudices its BES status, and any dividend distributions or issues of shares.

Peter Leach, of accountants Stoy Hayward, says: "A respectable sponsor with a track record and relevant experience will impose additional disciplines on the directors. As such, a sponsor is very important for the protection of investors."

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insisted that her will be altered immediately. Under no circumstances was her daughter to have the legacy she had given her.

"When I asked her where she wanted the money to go instead, all she could say was that after spending three days with her daughter she did not care who had the money as long as her daughter did not inherit it."

Happily, most wills are not made in such dramatic circumstances. In fact, making a will is an extremely important part of everyone's financial planning.

Susan Gompels, a chartered accountant, said: "Making a will is the ideal time to look into the financial mirror. It concentrates your mind on your own personal balance sheet and you can plan how you are going to deal with your affairs in your



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Wales make five changes and give Pickering captaincy at Twickenham

By Gerald Davies

The Welsh selectors have named three new faces for the game against England at Twickenham...

Wales team PH Thornton (North), P I Lewis (London), B Bowen (South Wales Police)...

ahead of Paul Moriarty, the other contender for the spot. Whatever speculation might arise elsewhere...



Jones: newcomer in a critical position

A few more problems for Rovers coach

By Keith Macklin

Problems yesterday beset Roger Millward, the Hull Kingston Rovers coach...

United recall Bailey as Everton get back their swagger

By Clive White

Considering the enormous damage done to the playing personnel of Everton and Manchester United...

Calder spared risks before international

By Ian McLauchlan

Finlay Calder, the Stewart-Melville flanker who won his first cap for Scotland against France...

therefore favour the Hawick side when he is asked to beat at home Kilmarnock...

England can work on tactics now Welsh team is known

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Pieces of the international jigsaw are falling into place. The Welsh team to play England...

with some care, since the semi-finals of both the John Player Special Cup and the Schweppes Welsh Cup...

As the season's end and Scotland play five matches in Spain and France...

Yorkshire's stand-in chairman

IN BRIEF

Lord Mountgarret, president of Yorkshire county cricket club, has been confirmed as caretaker chairman...

Incentive for Instonians

By George Ace

Instonians put their 100 per cent record in the digital Ulster senior league on the line this afternoon...

section B and, on present form, might not be a good bet. But the intense city rivalry between these clubs...

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Nottingham v Rosslyn Park Blackheath have been invited to play in the first round...

London Irish v Richmond Only Barry Murphy will be absent from the Irish in this John Smith's merit table...

Neath v Moseley Despite narrow defeats against Gloucester and Cardiff, Moseley retain the same players...

WEEKEND FOOTBALL, RUGBY AND OTHER FIXTURES

Table with multiple columns listing football, rugby, and other fixtures for the weekend, including league names, teams, and venues.

Vertical text on the right edge of the page, including 'United recall Bailey as Everton get back their swagger' and other headlines.

CRICKET

Trinidad leg of England tour threatened by renewed union protest

By John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent

An escalation in the extent to which trade unionists in Trinidad hope to hamper England's forthcoming tour of West Indies...

Rain threatens first England B game

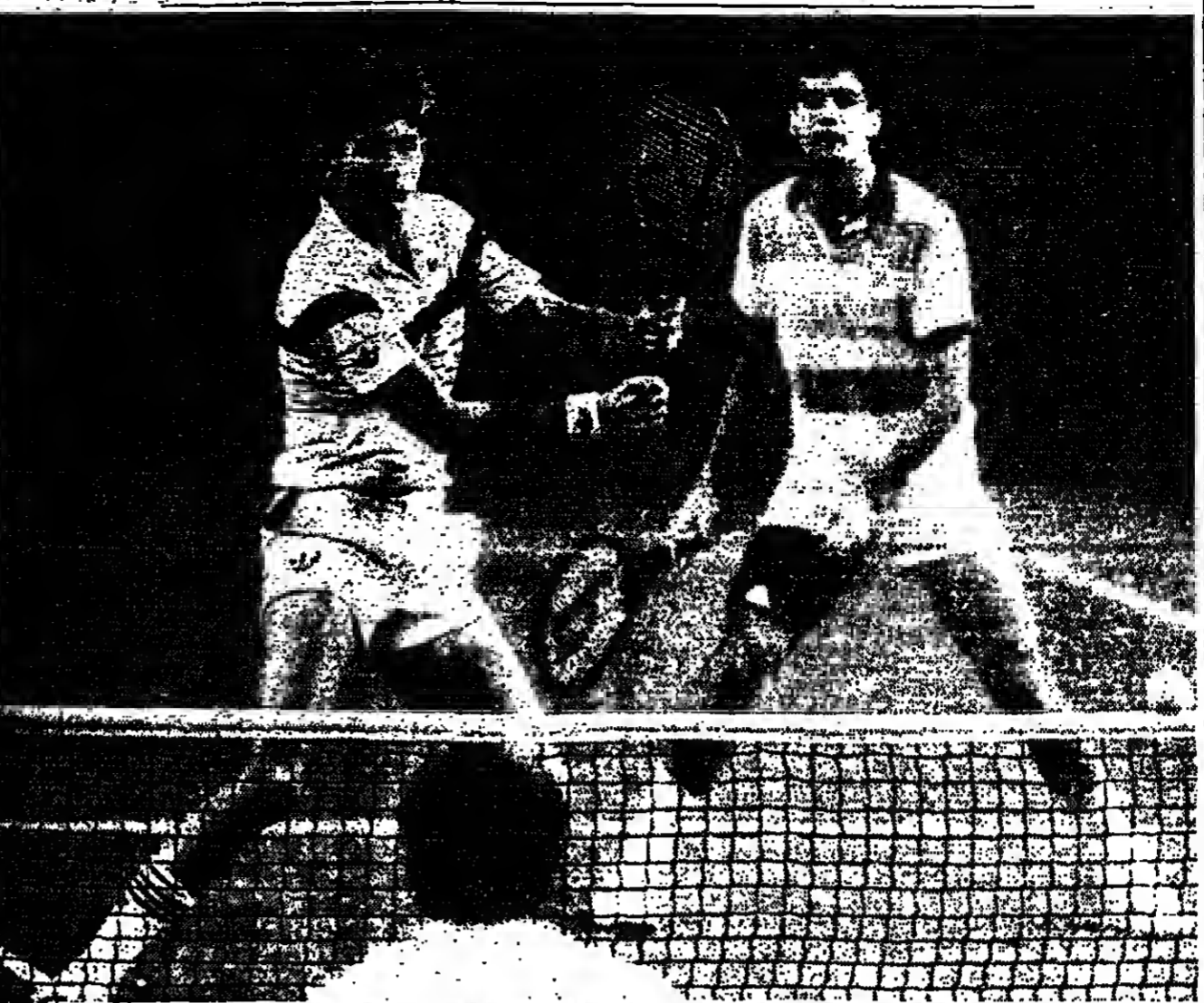
Colombo (Reuters) - The heavy rain which has fallen here for the past week threatens to disrupt the first day's play of the England B team's match against Sri Lanka Colts...

The bad weather is a further setback for the England team, who arrived here last night five days ahead of schedule because of the last-minute cancellation of the Bangladesh leg of the tour...

Test matches to four - as in the old days, Kingston would probably stage a second Test match. The chief hazard as I see it, should the two Trinidad legs of the tour be considered impracticable, would lie in the Jamaican unions following their Trinidadian brothers...

Once the tour has started, England benefit from the overall guarantee already agreed with the West Indian Cricket Board of Control, out of which players' and officials' fees, amounting to something in the region of £200,000, are found...

TENNIS: UNFAMILIAR FACES IN SEMI-FINALS OF MAZDA DOUBLES



Van Rensburg (left) and Anacone on their way to victory over DePalmer and Donnelly (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Return to the days of nice guys

By Rex Bellamy Tennis Correspondent

Paul Anacone and Christ van Rensburg, the least familiar players in today's semi-finals of the Mazda Cars doubles tournament at the Albert Hall, are taking it back to the days of the nice guys...

Fast carpet for Davis Cup tie

The Lawn Tennis Association will import a specially fast carpet court for the Davis Cup tie against Spain from March 7 to 9. They announced the decision last week...

That earned them a place at the Albert Hall, where they have played 14 sets and 162 games, including seven tie-breaks, in the course of three matches lasting for a total of 10 hours and 34 minutes...

Donnelly, 5-7, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 7-6. "It does not matter," van Rensburg said, with that intently clipped South African accent...

Luckhurst loses job as Kent manager

By Richard Streeton

Brian Luckhurst, the former England player, lost his job as Kent manager yesterday after 21 years' service...

Province at mercy of McCurdy

By Rex Bellamy

Pretoria (Reuters) - The pace keeper, Rod McCurdy, took five for 54 for the Australian "rebels" as Northern Transvaal slumped to 91 for seven in their first innings on the first day of the three-day match here yesterday...

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Thorburn, the defending champion, is seeded to meet the world champion, Dennis Taylor, in the best-of-17-frame final on Sunday, February 2. But Taylor is in the same half of the draw as Steve Davis...

Scotland win but Ireland give them a fright

By Sydney Friskin

Scotland, the holders, had a close call in the first match of the Home Countries indoor championship against Ireland at Crystal Palace yesterday...

FOR THE RECORD

MOTOR RALLYING: PAID-DANAKAR RALLY: Main stage, Agostini to victory. 1985: 1. Agostini, 2. Ligonio, 3. Ligonio...

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CUP: Milan, semi-final group winners. 1985: 1. Milan, 2. Olympiacos, 3. Real Madrid...

TENNIS

WARRINGTON: Women's teaming doubles and mixed doubles. 1985: 1. G. Brown, 2. J. G. Brown...

JUDO

British seek experience rather than medals. From Philip Nicksan, Paris. Elvis Gordon, Britain's European heavyweight bronze medal winner...

Colts final date

The final of the colts county championship, between Kent and Yorkshire, will be played at Dover on February 1. It should have been played last Saturday at Dover but, despite a late transfer to Canterbury, the weather forced a postponement.

£100 for best view

Boring supporters will have to pay £100 for the best seats at the Frank Bruno-Gerrit Coetzee heavyweight bout at Wembley on March 4. Other prices are £17.50 (all sold), £25, £250 and £75.

SNOW REPORTS

DEPTH OF SNOW IN VARIOUS AREAS. SPAIN: Depth (cm) State of weather. Barcelona-Barcelo 120 snow -0-0-0...

Harold Oakes

Harold Oakes, the first director of the Sports Council for Wales and the man responsible for getting the National Sports Centre and National Outdoor Pursuits Centre built in Wales, has died. Oakes, aged 64, died at the University Hospital, Wales, after a long illness.

Hew Neilson

Hew Neilson, the world 24-hour walking record holder, has died at his home in Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, aged 69.

GOLF

University amateur steals the show

From John Ballantine Carlsbad, California

A brilliant exhibition of putting for a fine 67 by Scott Verplank, an amateur, and a rare eagle three at the long 12th by Bernhard Langer for another 69, were features of a second round played in bright Californian sunshine in the Tournament of Champions...

Darkness falls on Marsh

By Nicholas Keith

David Marsh remains probably the best player to have stayed in the twilight zone of the Ryder Cup. He survived 18 holes and appalling weather at Rye yesterday morning when the rain laced across the links ahead of winds which were gusting to 50 mph...

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RACKETS/REAL TENNIS

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Tour change

The Tunisian Open, the opening event on the 1986 PGA European golf tour, has been cancelled. It was scheduled for April 10 to 13 at El Kantawi, Mohamed Elmaghrabi, the director of the tour, says. "We have decided for this year to use all available funds to extend our golfing facilities in the area. The tour will now commence with the Cannes Open from April 17 to 20."

ENTERTAINMENTS

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

RAYMOND GUBBAY presents
TOMORROW at 7.30 pm

POPULAR CLASSICS

Richard Strauss: THE SLEEPING BEAUTY WALTZ
Carmen Suite
Mozart: PIANO CONCERTO NO. 21
Tchaikovsky: OP. 18 ROMEO AND JULIET
Ravel: BOLERO

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Handel: BARBER OF SEVILLE OVERTURE
Mozart: EINE KLICHEE NACHTMUSIK
Rachmaninov: Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini
Beethoven: SYMPHONY NO. 2

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Tchaikovsky: PIANO CONCERTO NO. 1
Mozart: PIANO CONCERTO NO. 23
Liszt: INTERMEZZO FROM CAVALIERI RUSCICANA
Schubert: PIANO AND CIRCUMSTANCES MUSICAL NO. 1

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RAYMOND GUBBAY presents
FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY at 7.30 pm

HANDEL-BACH-MOZART-VALDI

Handel: ARRIVAL OF THE QUEEN OF SHEBA
Mozart: PIANO CONCERTO NO. 23
Vivaldi: THE FOUR SEASONS
English Chamber Orchestra
Tamas Masari
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QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL

TUESDAY NEXT 11 JANUARY at 7.45 pm

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UP AND UNDER



YACHTING Bertrand's key to success is delegation

By David Miller

John Bertrand, the Americas Cup winning helmsman, is present in London to attend the Rolex Cup and help the Western Hemisphere promotion of the 1987 defence...

French out of 12-metre event

Perth, Pierre English, project manager of the Challenge France Americas Cup syndicate, yesterday announced their withdrawal from the 12-metre world championships...

Two to come

All but two of the 15 competing yachts have now completed the 7,000 mile second leg of the Whitbread 28,000 round the world race...

SKIING Gutensohn is at home with second victory

Bad Gastein, Austria (Reuters) - Karin Gutensohn, of Austria, achieved the second consecutive downhill victory of her career yesterday when she beat the Canadians, Lisa Savjanic and Laurie Graham...

Downhill title goes to Bell

Martin Bell, aged 21, from Harrogate, won the British men's downhill race in Jezero, Austria, yesterday against an international field...

RACING Waiting game to pay dividends for Von Trappe in Ascot final

By Mandariva

Very Promising and Von Trappe, the only two of today's Embassy Premier Chase contestants with the Cheltenham Gold Cup on their agenda, look likely to dominate the centrepiece of an entertaining Ascot programme...

Very Promising has been trained this season with the Embassy as his specific objective and David Nicholson's eight-year-old has the advantage of previous experience over Ascot's two and a half miles, beating that speedy Irish chaser Buck House by eight lengths in record time in the H & T Walker-Godless Handicap Chase in November...

On his reappearance Von Trappe threw away another golden opportunity in a Haydock novice chase, blundering badly at the last before going under by a length to Strands of Gold...



Im Majed soars over the last hurdle on his way to victory in Ascot's opening race

Brown Chamberlin's career ends as leg problem recurs

By Michael Seely

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IRISH RACING Comedy Fair to give English last laugh in Sweeps

From Our Irish Correspondent, Dublin

In the early years of the Sweeps Hurdle when it was run as a conditions event English jumpers exercised a virtual monopoly over this prize, the richest offered in Ireland for a hurdler...

A big disappointment to the Triumph Hurdle had been Dochas, who challenged the winner for favouritism. He went to Cheltenham with an unbeaten record, but lay a long way off his ground and could finish no nearer than eighth...

LEOPARDSTOWN

Table with columns for race number, name, and details. Includes 'GOING: yielding to soft' and 'Recording on BBC1 at 3.0'. Races include 2.50 SWEEPS HANDICAP HURDLE, 3.00 THE HAZZARD HANDICAP HURDLE, etc.

ASCOT

Table of race results for Ascot. Includes race numbers, names, and winners. Races include 1.0 DURHAM RANGER NOVICE HURDLE, 2.0 VON TRAPPE, 3.0 JOCK SCOTT HANDICAP CHASE, etc.

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NEWCASTLE

Table of race results for Newcastle. Includes race numbers, names, and winners. Races include 1.15 BILLYE KNIGHT, 2.15 GRINDERS, 3.15 BURNING BUSH, etc.

Ascot selections

Table of race selections for Ascot. Lists race numbers and names of selected horses.

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Newcastle selections

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BOBSLEIGHING

Last laff goes to Phipps

Nick Phipps collected his second world cup record in successive World Cup competitions yesterday, clocking the fastest time on the final lap of the two-man event in Cervinia...

IN BRIEF

McEnroe finds partner

Dusseldorf (Reuters) - John McEnroe and Eliot Teltscher, representing the United States, completed the list of players competing in the World Team Cup...

Course specialists

Table of race results for Course specialists. Includes race numbers, names, and winners. Races include 1.00-1.15 ROYAL JET, 1.15-1.30 MISS RUSSELL, etc.

Law Report January 11, 1986

Wife in occupation an interested party

Harman v Glencross. Lord Justice Balcombe. A wife in occupation of the matrimonial home was an interested party within the meaning of the Charging Orders Act 1979 and in considering all the circumstances under section 1(5) of the Act the court was entitled to take into account the interests of the wife and any minor children.

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BIRTHS

ASHMOOR. On New Year Day, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. Ashmoor, a daughter, Mrs. J. Ashmoor, born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Ashmoor.

DEATHS

GRAVES, Robert. A memorial service for the late Robert Graves will be held at St. James' Church, London, on Wednesday, January 22nd, 1986.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

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Saturday Weekend television and radio programmes

Summaries by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

Sunday

BBC 1

- 6.30 Wilko the Wip (r) 6.35 Runters' Gold. Episode two of the adventure serial set in 1860s New Zealand (r).

tv-am

- 6.55 Good Morning Britain. Introduced by Mike Morris. Weather at 6.58; news at 7.00; regional report at 7.08; sport at 7.15.

ITV LONDON

- 6.25 No 73. This first of a new series includes King on video. Sophie George; a miniature circus; and an item on paper-watching.



The Two Romnies and Joanna Lumley (BBC 1, 8.10 pm). And Kathleen Byron, Stewart Granger: Captain Boycott (Channel 4, 2.00 pm)

BBC 2

- 9.00 Ceefax. 10.10 Open University. 1.30 Ceefax.

CHANNEL 4

- 1.05 Second to None. A documentary about the life and work of a number of disabled artists (r).

BBC 1

- 8.55 Play School. 8.15 Articles of Faith. John Bowker, Dean of Trinity College, Cambridge, asks Why Be Moral? 9.20 This is the Day. A simple service from a viewer's home in south London.

TV-am

- 6.55 Good Morning Britain begins with 'A Thought for a Sunday' 7.00 Ceefax. 7.25 Are You Awake Yet? for the young at 7.25; The What's News quiz at 7.50; Jeni Barnett's Pick of the Week at 8.10; news headlines at 8.27.

ITV/LONDON

- 9.25 Wake Up London. The Vicious Boys by their hands. A breakfast 8.35 Woody and Friends. 9.05 Snooper and Blobber. Cartoon.



John Cleese: he is interviewed in The South Bank Show (TV, 10.40 pm). And Carolyn Pickens in episode one of Bluebell (BBC 1, 7.35 pm)

BBC 2

- 9.00 Ceefax. 10.10 Open University. 11.25 Ceefax.

CHANNEL 4

- 1.00 Irish Angle-Hands. The craft of the Cavan cabinet-making Robinson writes.

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The new servant problem

Domestic servants don't want to do the work and employers are too embarrassed to ask them, laments Auberon Waugh, yet the need for help on the home front is more desperate than ever

A photograph of my parents' household taken in 1949, when I was 10, shows a butler, a housekeeper, a cook, a nursery maid, a gardener, a cowman - all working full-time - and two daily cleaners. By the time of my father's death, 17 years later 13 spent under Conservative governments - this had been reduced to a single daily cleaner and a part-time gardener. Undoubtedly a huge source of employment has disappeared. Census returns show that, at least until 1851, domestic servants made up the largest single occupational group after agricultural workers. Even 80 years later, in the 1931 returns, there were still 1,382,000 people employed in domestic service out of a workforce which was nearly 20 per cent lower than it is today. Of these 1,120,000 were women and 262,000 were men. Partly as a result of deliberate government policy, but chiefly I suspect as a result of changing attitudes to work, this source of employment has all but vanished. The best figures which the Department of Employment can produce from its 1984 Labour Force Survey (conducted by the Office of Population and Censuses) show that there are now about 181,000 British servants (of which some 22,000 are men) employed in private households, including part-time cleaners. Many, like myself, will find this figure of 181,000 to include nannies, au pairs and part-time cleaners, improbably low. Nor doubt many more part-time cleaners belong to the black economy - that marvellous substructure which has developed in direct response to government welfare and taxation policies - and do not declare themselves to the Office of Population Censuses. Quite possibly there are nannies who appear on the tax-returns of the self-employed as personal assistants, in the books of small companies as secretaries or office workers. No one can doubt that there is more unemployment today than at any time since the war.



Evolution of a declining species: changing times have brought informality but that in turn has created resentment among employers

Whatever the true figure for those seeking jobs, as opposed to those drawing dole - and it is obviously known only to God - nobody can reasonably deny that there are areas of acute job shortage even in the Midlands, let alone the North, and nobody has yet suggested that Midlandsers have become temporarily unemployed. Yet as the demand for servants rises (even if one hesitates to use such an expression to describe the dignified calling of nanny and "home-help") so the reluctance of working-class girls to look at domestic employment seems to increase. It is not hard to imagine why the upwardly-mobile career woman and working mother is seen as an unsatisfactory employer, but before guessing at the reasons, we might look at the evidence. Mrs Elizabeth Baxter, who runs Baxter's of Peterborough, one of the largest domestic employment agencies, confirms the huge rise in demand for domestic labour which has turned it into a seller's market. "Twenty years ago people could find domestic help easily, now the girls are able to pick and choose. They have to be encouraged even to attend the interview. Being a nanny has become a very good job, comparable to nursing. In the last few years the class the employer come from has broadened. You get better-paid secretaries and computer operators employing nannies, not just the upper middle classes. Because these people haven't always had people living in their homes, they don't like it much. "The relationship between those in domestic service and the employer is much more one of equality. Young nannies call their employers by their Christian names and wear jeans. They think nothing of the informality, but it sometimes takes me aback. "One might suppose that informality would promote a happy atmosphere, but this does not seem to be the case. Employer resentment of the employee, which runs like a theme tune through all conversation on servants nowadays, is

matched by employees' resentment of the job - at any rate where English employers are concerned. Mrs Baxter says her firm has more problems with working-class girls today. "Sometimes they register and don't take the job. They seem to think the work is beneath them even though it is this sort of thing they will be doing when they are married. Working-class girls suffer badly from homesickness, which is also new. Perhaps they are very cosseted at home nowadays. me to think of a whole generation of motherless babies growing up", says Mrs Lewis. "For some of the employers it is touch and go financially. They can hardly afford the nanny, but they cannot afford or do not want to stop working. Mutual resentment is somewhat reduced if these nannies and home helps live outside and stay away at weekends, although this arrangement reduces their usefulness as baby sitters. "I think the nannies like this arrangement, too; it makes the job more like office work", says Mrs Baxter. But the live-in home help is a constant source of irritation and social guilt. Pam Adams, 34, a keep-fit teacher and broadcaster married to a company director, has side-stepped much of the social guilt attached to domestic service by hiring a foreign girl - Danielle, 24, from France - with the title of au pair, working 39 hours a week for £20. "There is a slight loss of privacy when you open your house to a complete stranger. Danny eats with John and me except when she leaves early for college two nights a week. One problem is that if you feel like a jolly good row with your husband to clear the air you can't have it. Houses used to be designed for servants to live in, but modern houses are not. We put the au pair in a bedroom across the landing from our room, but it is still fairly close."

their fathers' occupations. "We quickly learnt that it helps to discover a girl's socio-economic group, no matter how distasteful to our (willing) liberal views. If the responses suggest a middle-class background, the odds are she will have a few social graces like "please" and "thank you". With luck her mother will have shown her how to change her sibling's nappy and the art of keeping house. "Picking a girl from much lower down, or further up the social scale than we are can be risky. Some working-class girls and their upper crust counterparts peel a potato with a bread knife and have never laid a table. "So it would appear that the great domestic employment explosion is just another job opportunity which our working-class youngsters are going to miss out on. Radicals will applaud this, regarding it as undignified and humiliating for the working class to be employed as domestic servants, and it is certainly true that few of its members show any greater appetite, than they show aplitude, for the role. "This employer, like many others, finds that the best way out of these difficulties is to hire employees of her own class. "Frankly, our first nanny was so upper crust I felt she was looking down her nose at us and couldn't believe our cheap ways. This new girl is much more our sort, just a nice middle-class ordinary girl with the same sort of standards we have. "This is a constant refrain. In the absence of nice, ordinary, middle-class girls, Australians or New Zealanders are preferred. They work much harder than English girls of the working class, and seem to be happier in their work. "A writer in the Sunday Times a few months ago was brutally frank about the matter, revealing that she cross-questioned prospective employees about

What these working middle class mothers really want, if they are honest, is a cheerful friendly, hardworking slave. Their first choice might be for Filipino, who would probably fulfil all these requirements, but the Government has stepped in and work permits are no longer available for domestic employment. First a Labour government restricted them, claiming to be concerned about exploitation; then Mrs Thatcher abolished them altogether, claiming to be concerned about employment. But my own experience suggests that under the pressures of English niceness, even these friendly, cheerful, hardworking foreign slaves lose their characteristics. We caught one once among the vineyards of the Languedoc - a small hairy French 18-year-old of Spanish extraction, brought her back to England for three years. As soon as we had let her out of the cardboard box with holes punched in its side she started scrubbing the floor and did not stop until every floor had been scrubbed.

Then she asked what she should do next. My wife weakly suggested she might like a cup of tea. Lolita (for that was her name) regarded my wife with amazement and derision. "Madame a peu de commander", she cried, and started scrubbing the walls and ceiling. She kept this up for two-and-a-half years, enormously resenting any suggestion that she should be given a holiday, or even a day off. But by then she had acquired a smattering of English and learnt to converse with the natives. By the end of the third year she had all the airs and graces of a Norland nanny and expected the same wages. She had caught it - English disease. My final conclusion is gloomy one. Not only is the generation of the urban working class temperamentally unfit to be employed in domestic service, but so is the new generation of would-be employers temperamentally unfit to employ them. Perhaps older generations would have been better without the buffer of sergeant major class to keep things going. But for the foreseeable future, the social classes will have to muddle along as best they can without relying on each other's help, however much they may need each other.

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Caution below stairs

"The 'servant' problem exists whenever there are employers and staff - it always has, and probably always will", according to that bible of domestic matters, Mrs Beeton's Cookery and Household Management. "But there are very many people who genuinely enjoy working for others and being of service to them. Such people are the salt of the earth. The employer who is lucky enough to find one (and it should not be too difficult) should show her consideration, combined with a strictly business-like attitude, and appreciation of good work. If this is done, the 'servant problem' ceases to exist. "The indomitable Mrs Beeton was born 150 years ago this year. In the 1960 edition of the original book, employers were warned about the hazards of 'new technology'. "Answering the telephone, too, is nowadays an important duty for most domestic staff. If they are unused to the telephone (which often happens, especially among the foreign girls now over here in such large numbers), the mistress will need to show them how to answer it, how to take



Full house: the Waugh family in 1949 - father Evelyn (centre) flanked by mother and grandmother, with children (author Auberon sitting front right) and domestics (back, from left) nursery maid, cowman, cook, butler, housekeeper, gardener, nanny; and two dairies messages and deal with callers politely. Nothing creates a worse impression than to have the telephone answered by someone who is unused to the instrument. "The edition also had words of warning on "the moral responsibility of the employer who engages younger staff, especially young girls, and even more particularly, perhaps, the young foreign girls who help in so many English households today. It is no kindness, and is indeed a grave moral disservice, to allow too much laxity, either in work, general behaviour and moral standards, or as regards honesty and character. Some obstreperous supervision of a girl's health and welfare may be necessary. The mistress of the

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... to the tarnished glamour of Rio, the city whose carnival spirit lasts all year



Brazilian beauty: the dark waters of Guanabara Bay, overlooked by the famous Sugar Loaf and the glittering city of Rio de Janeiro

Dancing along with the butterflies

Some time in the 1940s, my father brought a set of gilt-framed pictures from a seaman down on his lock. It was an uncharacteristically impulsive act on his part, for he was a canny and efficient publican, he never gave credit and hard-luck stories didn't pay for pints.

has the good bone structure of all true beauties. It preens in the sunlight and gazes on its own image reflected in the surrounding sea. From Corcovado hill, the panorama stretches out below in a 360-degree, three-dimensional blueprint, for a harmonious city. The great statue of Christ the Redeemer stretches his arms out over it all.

the rhythm of Latin-American dance music and the feeling of being part of a film set. Peter Fleming arrived here in the 1930s, all set to hunt for a missing British explorer in the furthest jungles and to write up his experiences hilariously in his Brazilian Adventure. He described the Rio of those days in terms that are just as applicable today: "Rio has edged in between the hills and the sea, and on that boldy chosen strip of land has met and trounced the jungle. She gleams at you contentedly, a successful opportunist".

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Rio gazes on its image reflected in the sea

To counterpoint, the vision is returned in mirror-image from the famous Sugar Loaf with its toes in the dark waters of Guanabara Bay. Two vertiginous cable car rides from rock to rock and then a sea bird's view back over the golden beaches and city to the mountains beyond. Christ, miniaturized ooz to more manageable proportions and illuminated at dusk, stands out like a Christmas tree star above the myriad lights of the darkening city.

Poverty is blatant with children begging

display of movement and colour that begins with the first light of dawn and carries on until the darkness hides too much of the display and the action moves to the cafes and bars along the waterfront. Nobody bothers much about swimming anyway, they are there to perform and to be seen. Everyone jogs or exercises. It is hard to distinguish between the haves and have-nots on the beach, though it is easier elsewhere in the city. Poverty is blatant with the hundreds of ragged children begging or selling trifles, the pathetic derelicts cadging cigarettes, and even the gaudy strutting prostitutes who parade night-time Copacabana like birds of paradise.

Flight safeguards

The Civil Aviation Authority is clamping down on abuses of its air travel organizers' licensing system which could leave passengers unprotected in the event of a company's collapse. The CAA says it has uncovered several instances over the past year where passengers have lost their holidays after a company's collapse, but have been unable to claim a refund under the bonding system because of licensing irregularities. In some of these cases a licensed operator had sub-chartered seats to an unlicensed company which subsequently failed.

Cheap child fares

Trans World Airlines is offering a flat-rate transatlantic fare of \$99 return for children under 18. The fare is available to all TWA's 66 destinations in the USA and can be booked up to January 31 for travel any time before March 14. The fare requires at least one adult to accompany up to two children.

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Clovis Keith travelled on a tour organized by Kuoni Travel, which has a comprehensive programme in Brazil. A sample price for a fortnight in Rio - bed and breakfast - is from £617 at the cheapest time of year. Details from Kuoni Travel, Kuoni House, Dorking, Surrey. (0306 885044).

Mountain destination: the magnificent Inca ruins of Machupicchu in the Peruvian Andes

excursion via Amsterdam for £463. All these excursion rates are via Caracas: La Paz/Lima for £470, Quito/Guayaquil £450. Discounted fares restrict you to one destination and no stopovers are allowed. If you want to include other destinations, you will either have to pay the full yearly fare (often two to three times more than the discounted rate) or the BA excursion rate.

Alex McWhirter

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Play safe on bargain flights

FARE DEALS

For the past few years flying to Latin America has been a buyer's market. Throughout much of the year there are more seats than passengers and the law of supply and demand has meant bargain galore.

Instant Purchase (PEX) fares while to Caracas and Bogota there are both PEX and APEX (Advance Purchase Excursion) rates. In addition there are other more expensive excursion rates which allow up to two stopovers for a nominal surcharge.

£398 for Bogota and £881 for Caracas and allow stays of between 14 and 90 days. Stopovers cost \$30 (£21) each. Despite BA's more realistic fares the airlines' discount deals are still cheaper and less restrictive. The cheapest rates are for airlines flying over indirect routings; direct or non-stop flights are the most expensive. But in any case only a limited number of destinations can be reached direct from London - for the others you will have to change planes anyway.

It is a specialized part of the world so it pays to book through one of several Latin American flight brokers - companies that understand the market. For example, Steamood Ltd - a leading London-based agent for airlines like BA/KLM/Iberia/Swissair - is quoting the following discounted rates for travel until the end of February. Most excursion rates are valid for stays of between five and 90 days while yearly tickets are valid for between one and 365 days. All fares are subject to change.

On the South Atlantic routes: Recife excursion for £610. Rio de Janeiro excursion £610 for non-stop flights or £590 via Amsterdam or Madrid with yearly fares costing £660. Sao Paulo excursion £630 for direct flights, £615 via Amsterdam/Madrid and £660 yearly. Buenos Aires/Montevideo excursion £669, yearly £750 both via Amsterdam.

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Warning on summer holidays

Record holiday sales before Christmas may lead to a shortage of last-minute bargains during the coming summer, operators and travel agents warned this week.

Lunn Poly, which has 200 branches throughout the country, estimates that by the beginning of this month, 300,000 more holidays had been sold than at the same time last year, while its own bookings rose up by 240 per cent.

Another company, Unijet, which specializes in flight-only holidays, expects a shortage of low-cost charter seats to Mediterranean destinations during the summer. It says several major tour operators are restricting seat sales on peak summer flights because hotel packages are selling so well.

Meanwhile, Thomas Cook is opening nearly 300 of its 414 travel agencies each Sunday throughout January to cater for the expected rush to buy holidays.

The authority has told operators that their agents must make it clear to travellers which licence-holder their contracts are made with. It is also planning spot-checks at airports this month to ensure that the regulations are being observed.

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Escorted 20-day tours to the Falkland Islands are planned by Twickers World towards the end of this year. Flights will be direct to Port Stanley and accommodation will be in newly-built tourist lodges.

Guided tours of the Scottish Highlands and Islands on classic motorcycles like the Triumph Thunderbird or the Norton Dominator are to be operated from April by Glasgow-based Classic Motorcycle Tours.

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Britain's best-known astronomer, Patrick Moore, will be the guest lecturer on a tour to Bali to view Halley's comet which will be operated by P&O Air Holidays.

Woman who built a Portuguese empire

Her presence is everywhere. I felt it in Oporto when looking through her faded yellow letters and documents, and later at lunch, with a spectacular view of the mighty Douro and Oporto's confusion of churches and red-tiled houses.



Powerful presence: Dona Antonia Adelaide Ferreira

Even by today's standards she was a remarkable woman. She was born in 1811 into a respected port wine farming family. By the time she died 85 years later, she was acknowledged as the richest woman in Portugal, had founded a hospital and other charitable institutions and increased the family holdings and fortunes from three farms to more than 30.

Her eighth generation of the family, and its wives are affectionately known as Ferreirinha (or little Ferreira) in honour of Dona Antonia. Ferreira makes a complete range of wood and vintage ports which, like those of the other Portuguese houses, are lighter and tend to mature faster than those of the English port firms.

New farms were built and thousands of pipes of port were made

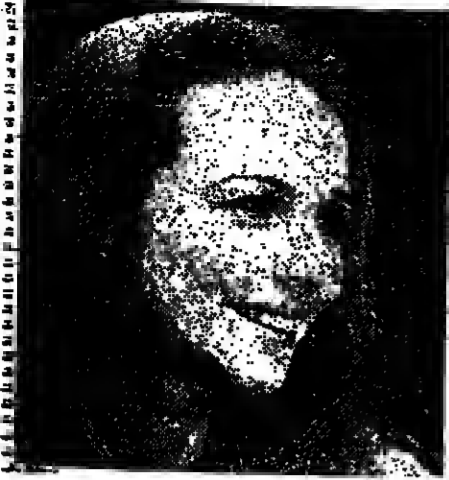
Apart from her business acumen and strong personality, Dona Antonia was obviously a courageous and independent woman. In 1853 she fled to England with her two children to prevent the President of Portugal, who was no doubt attracted by her wealth, from marrying his son to her daughter.

Her vintage ports do not always come out well in blind tastings when they are young but a wonderful exception is definitely going to be Ferreira's glorious 1978 vintage. With its rich violet scent and almond-like taste it is definitely worth seeking out when it comes over here next year.

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Creator of the cosmic spin-off



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ARTS DIARY

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THE WEEK AHEAD By Peter Waymark



Transylvanian terror: Bela Lugosi moves menacingly towards Frances Dade, one of the victims in Dracula

Getting a taste for blood

FILMS ON TV

When Bram Stoker, the Irishman who was stage manager for the great Victorian actor Sir Henry Irving, created his Transylvanian blood sucker, Count Dracula, he could never have guessed what a splendid present he was giving to the cinema.

Although it took nearly a quarter of a century from the publication of Stoker's novel in 1897 to the appearance of the first important screen version, once having tasted blood (as it were) the cinema has hardly left the count alone. So far the tally of Dracula films is more than 40, with goodness knows how many yet to come.

The oldest surviving version is Nosferatu, made in Germany in 1922 by F. W. Murnau and starring Max Schreck as the vampire. The first significant sound film, called simply Dracula, starred Bela Lugosi and was made by Universal Studios in Hollywood in 1931. These two films launch a Channel 4 season of late-night horror today (11pm-1.30am).

Nosferatu has an interesting history. Stoker's novel being pirated by Murnau to avoid having to pay for the rights, he had done the same two years earlier with Stevenson's Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

In contrast to the well-groomed vampire created by Stoker, Schreck is a grotesque with a slightly skeletal face and long, pointed talons like the hands of an animal. It is a performance all the more effective for eschewing the frenetic gestures often associated with silent screen acting.

Nosferatu is also notable for its use of real locations, rather than the studio sets normally favoured by the German film makers of the 1920s, and technical effects including negative film, to convey a sense of eeriness, and speeded-up motion.

The negative, however, had already been sold abroad and so the film survived. Making every allowance for its age, it is still an impressive piece which thoroughly justifies its sub-title, "A Symphony of Terror".

The Hollywood Dracula (which is being shown first, from 11pm to 12.25am) is closer to Stoker, though derived not so much from the novel as a stage version which was put on in London and New York.

The historical importance of the vampire, German Karl Freund, is particularly memorable, evoking a landscape of fog and shadows in which the cold and damp can almost be felt. And there is a splendidly Gothic Transylvanian castle, the creation of the art director, Charles D. Hall.

The historical importance of Dracula has been enormous. It made a star of Lugosi, gave Universal 15 years of prosperity as a purveyor of screen horror and, with the Boris Karloff Frankenstein, was instrumental in launching the modern horror film.

Standing well over six foot, Lugosi was an imposing screen presence with, as one contemporary reviewer noted, a cruel smile. He became so identified with Dracula that the rest of his film career was an anti-climax, though he played the part several more times on the stage and brought a production to England in 1951.

Judged by the slick film making of today, Dracula is a creaky piece with too much talk and not enough pace. But the compensations are considerable. The camerawork of the vampire, German Karl Freund, is particularly memorable, evoking a landscape of fog and shadows in which the cold and damp can almost be felt.

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TELEVISION

For an authentic, constantly illuminating, and completely unpretentious self-portrait of an outstanding comic talent, tune in to The South Bank Show (ITV, tomorrow, 10.30-11.30 pm). The subject is John Cleese.

In conversation with Melvyn Bragg, Cleese provides an indispensable background to the manic humour of Monty Python and Fawlty Towers. The talk not only enriches a generous selection of clips but is often almost as funny. Cleese is not a man who needs a script.

Essentially, he sees his comedy as blowing the lid off the British middle class pressure to conform and giving vent to the seething rage that exists beneath a brittle politeness. For someone who was six foot tall by the age of 12, and looked (in his own phrase) like a cross between a giraffe and a hovercraft, this may not have been too difficult.

But there was solid graft as well. The half-hour episodes of Fawlty Towers each took up to six weeks to write. Since then, and mainly as a result of psychotherapy, Cleese has been "resolutely less hard working". More at peace with himself, he no longer feels the compulsion of the work ethic.

RECOMMENDED

The New Babylon (1929): Vibrant Soviet classic by Kozintsov and Trauberg about the Paris Commune of 1871, in a restored version with the original score by a 23-year-old Dmitri Shostakovich (BBC2, today, 8.10-10pm).

Knight Without Armour (1937): Taming the wild beast of the East. A British journalist (Robert Donat) during the Russian Revolution; directed by Jacques Feyder (BBC2, Wed, 6.7-8pm).

Richard Burton as Jimmy Porter, with Mary Ure and Claire Bloom, in Tony Richardson's opened-out version of the historic John Osborne play; prefaces a Swinging Sixties season on Channel 4 (Fri, 11.30pm-1.20am).

Look Back at Anger (1955): Richard Burton as Jimmy Porter, with Mary Ure and Claire Bloom, in Tony Richardson's opened-out version of the historic John Osborne play; prefaces a Swinging Sixties season on Channel 4 (Fri, 11.30pm-1.20am).

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Time flies for a celebrated swindler

RADIO

The beauty of radio is that actors can stay young, or grow old, without spending hours in the make-up department. Thus Marjorie Westbury could play Paul Temple's Steve for 30 years with never a grey hair and Patrick Mower can age 50 years and get on ten stories as the colourful rogue, Horatio Bottomley.

Mower plays Bottomley in Man of the People (Radio 4, today, 8.30-10pm), a comic treatment by Allen Sadler of the remarkable life of a man who was by turns patriot, businessman, member of Parliament, cheat and swindler, dying almost penniless after serving a seven-year sentence for fraud. But the man of the people he liked to see himself, the poor orphan boy with a glowing affection for the common man. Among his pastimes was the music hall and Sadler's play reflects this with selections from the popular music of the period.

It is a big jump from a 20th-century rogue to a king of ancient Britain, but Radio 3 tomorrow has a new production of Shakespeare's little performed play, Cymbeline (7.30-11pm). Alec McCowen, who was made a CBE in the New Year's honours list, plays the monarch with Anna Calder-Marshall as his daughter, Imogen.

The production has specially composed music by Iona Sekacz, whose recent stage credits include King Lear and Twelfth Night. In 1985 a new school examination, the GCSE, is due to replace the present O Level and CSE. Its ways and wharfores are examined in One Exam For All (Radio 4, Thurs, 7.40-9pm), with a contribution from the Education Secretary, Sir Keith Joseph, and a phone-in. Margaret Percy is the chairperson.

The latest subject for I Call It Style (Radio 2, Tues, 8-9pm) is the tragic Judy Garland. As Habert Gregg reminds us in his gently nostalgic way, Judy was a victim almost from the start, a virtual prisoner of the MGM studio which decided her clothes and her diet and stuffed her with pills. That she survived as long as she did is something of a show business miracle.

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